

## **VII. Training**

### **A. Providing training**

One of the main ways the SNA program can offer support to volunteers is by providing them with knowledge of needed and available training. A list of required training for specific tasks and current training offerings or relevant links will be kept by the program and may be posted on the webpage. For each training requirement, the SNA program will strive to have an available training opportunity for volunteers. When the need arises, if possible the SNA program will set up additional classes.

The training opportunities may require the volunteer to pay. The SNA program may choose to supply volunteers with free training based on current involvement with the program and program resources. Provided trainings/materials may include chainsaw safety classes, herbicide books, invasive species trainings, prescribed fire classes, informal training on site, etc. We would like a volunteer to show commitment by spending some time with the program before they are eligible to receive free trainings/materials.

### **B. New training requirements**

As a Wisconsin DNR volunteer, SNA volunteers are currently required to have the same training as DNR employees. Because of this state requirement, new training requirements will likely develop periodically for activities that contain levels of risk. The SNA program will work to fill training offering gaps from those new requirements as quickly as possible by setting up new classes. We will also work to streamline any excessive training requirement when possible, limiting the amount of burden on the volunteer.